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To Whom it May Concern:

At Texas Southern University, one of the members of the Board of Regents, Mr. Thomas H. Friedberg, has volunteered to coach the kickers for the football team. He performed this service last football season and is currently performing this service. He is not paid a salary nor does he receive any other type of compensation for his work. At all times, he pays his own personal expenses, including travel and food.

The question has been raised by the media that this non-compensated volunteer service being provided by this Regent may somehow violate the law, or may constitute a conflict of interest, or may otherwise be improper in some manner.

I, as Chairman of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, do hereby officially request your opinion as to whether the services being provided by Regent Thomas H. Friedberg under the circumstances outlined above constitute in any manner a violation of law, rules, regulations or any code of ethical standards of the State of Texas governing the conduct of a sitting member of a Board of Regents of a State supported university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willard L. Jackson, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Willard L. Jackson, Jr., Chairman